

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 357

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Fifth Annual Saint Anthony's Barbecue and Chili Springfest as the West Texas State Barbecue Championship; and

WHEREAS, The West Texas State Barbecue Championship will occur March 21 and March 22, 2003, at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church in Odessa; and

WHEREAS, Previous contests have drawn teams from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma to compete in this time-honored Texas culinary tradition of preparing brisket, spareribs, and chicken; in 2002 the competition drew 50 barbecue teams and 48 chili teams; and

WHEREAS, The winner of the West Texas State Barbecue Championship will earn an invitation to the nation's premier barbecue competition, the American Royal Invitational in Kansas City, Missouri, and will also have the opportunity to be chosen for the Jack Daniel's Invitational; and

WHEREAS, This family-style event produces a great sense of camaraderie among the contest participants and provides much enjoyment for the general public; food booths, children's games, an antique car show, and a custom bike show are also part of the entertainment; and

WHEREAS, By recognizing the West Texas State Barbecue Championship, the Senate honors West Texas, a region of the state where barbecue has long reigned as a culinary delight and where gathering for barbecues brings together family, friends, and neighbors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes for a successful West Texas State Barbecue Championship; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this grand occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate